

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

I'm not sure if we lost a bet with Mother Nature, but we sure have been getting a lot of crazy weather this year. Luckily our events in May and June escaped many of the extremes. I am also hearing reports that club members are taking more out of state fishing trips. Some of those destinations include The Driftless area up in Iowa, Eastern Tennessee to experience the cicada hatch, The Fryingpan River in Colorado, and nearby favorite the White River in Arkansas. I have been fortunate to be able to get down to Taneycomo a couple of times this year and plan on going back for more. I have also enjoyed staying around Jefferson City and fly fishing for pan fish with my dad for the last couple of months. We had a couple weeks of decent crappie fishing around late April to early May and are now having fun with the different types of sunfish.

We are also seeing many special events and expos coming back on the calendar. I'm sure you have seen, our club activities are also going again. You will read more about some of the past and future events ahead in the newsletter.

Let's keep the lines of communication open. If you have the itch to go fishing and are looking for company, don't hesitate to get a message out to the club. With club members having such varying schedules, you could possibly find people to fish with on any day of the week. I think it would be great to have more shared experiences, whether it is local or out of town.

Let's go FISHING!!!!

Greg Curtin

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Here is information about water quality and a reason we take care of water. The Iowa DNR does a tremendous job acquiring access and improving trout streams. Iowa has many more spring creeks than we have in Missouri. The MidMO TU chapter donated money to help obtain land along a spring creek in the northeastern part of the state. Overall Iowa has:

- 50 catchable-stocked [rainbow](#) and [brook trout](#) fisheries on publicly-accessible streams
- 9 special trout fisheries with restrictive regulations
- 17 community trout fisheries
- Over 50 [wild, self-sustaining trout fisheries](#) throughout northeast Iowa

This site gives more details:

[https://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Trout-Fishing.](https://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Trout-Fishing)

John Wenzlick and I got the opportunity to fish streams near Decorah. Most are small and they were very low. We walked miles in hot and humid conditions. Many stream banks were high and lined with weeds and brush, but we caught some nice fish, so it was worth the effort. A few were stocked rainbows and a couple brookies, but many were wild browns. My camera quit, so you will just have to take the word of an honest fisherman.

Hope you are getting out to fish and surviving the heat.

*Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*

EXPLORERS CAMP

On Monday, June 7, Wayne Simpson, John Walther and Mike Jaegers assisted at the Explorer's Camp sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources. The camp was held at Bennett Spring State Park. Nearly 40 6th-12th graders, explored various aspects of nature at the park. Wayne, John and Mike helped with the fly tying session. Gratitude was expressed by the Lebanon School District as well as the Department of Natural Resources.

PIZZA PARTY

The club's annual pizza outing was held on June 8 at Jaycee County Park. The rain held off and the temperature was manageable, which made for an enjoyable setting for the 25 club members that attended. Even though the fishing was slow, everyone was able to visit with each other and have some good pizza. Thank you to Jack Kramer for taking care of the Pizza for everyone.



Above: The eating of pizza is underway

Left: Phil Curtin pulls a catfish out of County Park Lake

KIDS FISHING DERBY

The Kids Fishing Derby was held on June 12 and was sponsored by JC Parks, Elks Lodge, Capital City Crappie Club, Mexico Bassmasters, Merten's Bait & Tackle, and last, but definitely not least is the Capital City Fly Fishers. There were trophies awarded in 4 age categories for largest, smallest and most fish. In the end they handed out 88 rods to kids that participated in the event. A decent turnout for an event that was lightly publicized. Capital City Fly Fishers club members helped to register kids and were officials to help the kids record their catches.



John Goad proves he can measure up!



Is Terry Smith headed for an official showdown?

I want to thank everyone that came to help for the Kids Fishing Derby, as well as the Explorer's Camp. We had 13 volunteers representing the Capital City Fly Fishers at the derby. I think we made a pretty good impression because they have already welcomed us back for next year. I am proud to say Thank You again to everyone.

JULY OUTING

The next club get together will be on Tuesday, July 13. It will be held at Proctor Park in California, MO starting around 5 pm. This will be a potluck style gathering. We ask that you bring something to share with the group. It can be a main dish, side, or dessert. We will figure out one big main dish for everyone to share.

Previously we were at the newer pavilion by the tennis courts. This year, we are going to try the pavilion on the north side of the park. It has easier and flatter access to the lake. I am told it might produce better fishing. More details in the future.

MAYFLY PROJECT

This is a reminder of the remaining known dates for the Mayfly Project fly tying sessions:

June 25 – Friday 6-8 PM

July 23 – Friday 6-8 PM

August 27 – Friday 6-8 PM

All sessions held at the church in Bennett Spring State Park from 6-8 pm. They ask that you bring 6 tied flies to donate at the beginning of tying so you won't be rushed or you can leave as you want. Please talk with Mike Jaegers for more details.

REGULAR MEETINGS

We are looking to start up regular monthly members meetings in August. Right now, we are in the process of confirming a location to meet for the meetings. Once determined, we will be back with 6 pm board meetings and 7 pm all members meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. Stay Tuned!

BRANSON EXPO



Dates and Times

Thursday July 29th

Noon –5 pm

Friday July 30th

9 am –5 pm

Saturday July 31st

9 am –4 pm

Location

Lions Community Building
1015 East State Highway 76
Branson, MO 65915

Admission is FREE

Fly Casting and Fly Tying Demos
Classes, Many Local Exhibitors
Raffle, Silent, and Live Auctions
Many Local Exhibitors

NOTE:

There is still time to sign up to be a fly or jig tier, or a vendor for the Branson Expo. If you are a tier and want to sell your tied flies or tied jigs you can. **Sign up form attached.** There is no cost to sign up and be a tier. If you want to be a vendor to introduce the people to your company, we still have tables available and the sign up form is attached. All the tiers and vendors (including their families) will be invited Thursday evening for snacks at the History of Fishing Museum. Normally it would cost a person over \$15.00 to tour the museum but for our tiers, vendors and families it is free.

LADIES FISHING DAY

Ladies Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park is on September 25. Like in previous years, the fly club will be participating in the event. We are looking for some volunteers to help do fly tying demonstrations, hand out fly boxes, and possibly help attendees to fish. Please let me know if you are able to be there to help. In order to fill the fly boxes, we could also use some help by donating flies. Whether or not you are able to attend the event, tying 10 to 35 flies for the boxes would go a long way to help. The best person to give the flies to is Mike Jaegers.

REDINGTON HOME WATERS

This event will be taking place October 1-2 by the banks of the Niangua River near Bennett Spring State Park. Capital City Fly Fishers has set up to do fly tying demonstrations in the past and I expect we will be doing the same this year. We will have to discuss it at our July outing. If it is like previous years, then there will be vendors, demos, giveaways, a one fly contest, and a film. We will get a little more information about the Redington Home Waters event for the next newsletter. Now that you have the date, be sure to put it on your schedule.

BANQUET

I sent out an email asking what people thought of having a banquet on February 19, 2022. I received replies back from about a third of our members and the replies were very positive. Until the day of the banquet, there will be reminders at every meeting and in every newsletter. We need everyone's help before, during, and even after to make it a success. It's not too early to find Donations. Thanks!!!

SOWBUG ROUNDUP



25th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL

SOWBUG ROUNDUP 2022

March 24-26 | 9 AM-4 PM
Baxter County Fairgrounds
Mountain Home, Arkansas

Admission \$10.00 For All 3 Days
Adults With Kids 12 & Under Admitted Free



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Excerpts from press release:

There will be over 100 fly tyers from all over the world, free seminars, and a carefully select set of vendors.

March is caddis hatch time on the White River. A green soft hackle or an elk hair caddis will surely reward you with a fish. The Corps of Engineers supports Sowbug so we always get some low water during the week of the show!

If you would like to tie at the show, Contact Dave Boyer at dboyer@glodesigns.com. If you have other questions, you can contact me at tipton1064@gmail.com.

A lot of our club members attend or tie at both the Branson Expo and the Sowbug Roundup. You should check it out!!

WHO WANTS TO GO FISHING?

To build a little more on fishing experiences, I love it when I hear about people fly fishing together and enjoying the camaraderie it can bring. I have been fortunate to have been able to share some fishing trips to Alaska, Mexico, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Arkansas, California, and right here in Missouri with friends and family. I am hoping to have more!!

So, who wants to go fishing? I am planning a couple trips down to Taneycomo. The first is during the Branson Expo. We would leave midafternoon on Thursday, July 29 and come back home late Saturday afternoon/evening. We can fish and go to the Expo. I have reserved a place that will sleep 4 in separate beds. One bedroom has 2 beds, one bedroom has one bed, and there is a sleeper sofa. There are two bathrooms and a full kitchen. We could go out to eat, but typically we would bring our own food and fix it right there. If interested, please contact me and we can talk about expenses, food, and logistics. If you have never been to Taneycomo or the Expo, I think it would be a great experience. Join the FUN!!!

The second trip will be September 25-undetermined. Right now, I have reserved a one bedroom spot with sleeper sofa from September 25-28. On September 25 we would drive to Bennett Spring and participate in Ladies Free Fishing Day and then either fish there or drive to Branson to fish. The question mark comes in with the length of time away from home. I was wondering if I should make it a world wind tour and be gone the whole week. Start at Bennett Spring, then to Branson, then either stay longer at Branson or maybe head to Arkansas for a couple days and then head back to Bennett Springs for the Home Waters event. If interested in joining me for part or all of this please contact me.

Thanks, Greg Curtin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

22-23 Bennett Spring Weed Cutting

25 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring Church

JULY

13 Club Outing – Proctor Park – California, MO

23 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring Church

29-31 Branson Fly Expo

31 Kids Trout Tournament - Montauk

AUGUST

3-4 Bennett Spring Weed Cutting

7 Kids Free Fishing Day - Montauk

10 Club Meeting

21 Kids Free Fishing Day – Roaring River

27 Mayfly Project

September

11 Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk

11 Women's Fishing Day - Meramec

14 Club Meeting

14-15 Bennett Spring Weed Cutting

18 Veterans Free Fishing Day – Roaring River

18-19 MTFA Tournament - Montauk

25 Ladies Fishing Day – Bennett Spring

If you know of any events to be added to the calendar, please share them. We are always happy to add in more fly fishing related opportunities!!!